

Congress of the United States
Committee on International Relations
House of Representatives

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Mr. Morton H. Halperin
122 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Enclosed for your reference are copies of Adm. Miller's testimony as well as the testimony of the Administration witnesses from yesterday's hearing. As you may know, the hearings on First Use of Nuclear Weapons are based on several legislative proposals renouncing first use of these weapons. Although the subject is extraordinarily complex and complicated, the Subcommittee has tried to deal with it responsibly, and in the likelihood that the legislation before the subcommittee in its present form will not be acted on, we feel that we have gained significant insight into the issue and have created a useful open public record that will become a rich source of information and reference in the future. In this same connection, please be assured that you will be sent a copy of the hearings upon publication, entitled, "First Use of Nuclear Weapons: Preserving Responsible Control."

I understand you also wanted some background material on the subcommittee, its jurisdiction, etc. I am enclosing a copy of a report of activities the Subcommittee compiles each year. Also enclosed is a study prepared in conjunction with CRS as background material for these hearings.

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